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SUBJECT:UN CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION: DRAFT RESOLUTION ON
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REF (A) NAIROBI 11501, (B) STATE 212449, (C) NAIROBI 11433,

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1. QUOTE: EFFECT OF THE USE OF WEAPONS ON ECOSYSTEMS
ALTERNATIVE TO DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY THE DELEGATION
OF CAPE VERDE.

THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION,
MEETING AT NAIROBI(KENYA) FROM 29 AUGUST TO 9 SEPTEMBER
1977,

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RECALLING PARAGRAPH 197 OF DOCUMENT A/CONF.74/1 ON DESERTIFICA-
TION RESULTING FROM WAR,

RECALLING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NAIROBI PREPARATORY MEETING
ON DESERTIFICATION (12-16APRIL 1977) CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT

A/CONF. 74/33/ADD.1, PARAGRAPH 107,

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 31/64 OF 10DECEMBER 1976 AND
31/65 OF 10DECEMBER 1976,

RECALLING INTER ALIA THE 1925 GENERAL PROTOCOL AND THE 1972 BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION,
REACLLING THE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS OF COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT(CCD)
TO ACHIEVE THE PROHIBITION OF THE DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS,
NOTING THAT THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEPAPONS COULD BE PARTICULARLY DEVASTATING AND RELATIVELY PERMANENT IN DRY LANDS,
DECIDES:
(1)TO DEPLORE THE EFFECTS OF DESTRUCTIVE WEAPONS AND PRACTICES ON THE ECOSYSTEMS OF ALL COUNTRIES-
(2)TO STRONGLY SUPPORT EFFORTS BEING MADE TO PROHIBIT THE POLLUTION OF SOURCES OF WATER AND THE USE OF ALL WEAPONS DESIGNED TO DIMINISH THE BILOGICAL POTENTIAL OF SOIL-(3) TO ADDRESS AN APPEAL TO ALL STATES MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO REFRAIN FROM USING OR SUPPLYING ARMS OR CHENICAL PRACTICES THAT HAVE A DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT-
(4)TO REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TO REPORT ON THE APPLICATION OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
END QUOTE.

2. QUOTE: STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF CERTAIN WEOG MEMBERS CONCERNING THE CAPE VERDE RESOLUTION ON THE EFFECT OF THE USE OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION ON ECOSYSTEM.
MOST COUNTRIES OF THE WEOG, WHILE STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS, IN PARTICULAR THE USE OF SUCH WEAPONS IN A MANNER WHICH HAS
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DELETERIOUS EFFECTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT, NEVERTHELESS HAVE SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES WITH THE PRESENT TEXT AS DRAFTED.
THE PRIMARY REASONS FOR THIS ARE THE INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO PARTICULAR REGIONS OF THE WORLD AND THE REFERENCE OF MATTERS WHICH ARE MORE APPROPRIATELY BEING DELIBERATED IN OTHER FORA.
IN MAKING THIS STATEMENT, WE WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THAT WE ATTACH IMPORTANCE, INTER ALIA, TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 31/64 CONCERNING "INCENDIARY AND OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE THE SUBJECT OF PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION OF USE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS" OF 10DECEMBER 1976 AND 31/65CONCERNING "CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL (BIOLOGICAL) WEAPONS" OF 10DEVEMBER 1976 AND THE 1925 GENEVA PROTOCOL AND THE 1972 BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION. IN ADDITION, WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE ON-GOING EFFORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT TO ACHIEVE PROHIBITION OF DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS.
THEREFORE, MR. CHAIRMAN, WHILE WE SYMPATHIZE WITH THE BROAD THRUST OF THE CAPE VERDE DRAFT RESOLUTION, WE ARE FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED REASONS UNABLE TO ACCEPT THE TEXT AS IT STANDS.
END QUOTE.
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